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TEST 11 — CHILLED-WATER SYSTEM USING CENTRIFUGAL CHILLER, BUILDING AUTOMATION — DESIGN

Choose the correct answer (from the choices in bold) for each of the following hvac situations, referring to the schematic diagram on this page.

On-off control in the "off" position:
Centrifugal chiller CC-1 is off, primary chilled-water pump
P-1 is off, secondary chilled-water pump P-3 is off, condenser water pump P-2 is off, and "draw-through" cooling tower fan is off.

On-off control in the "on" position:
Centrifugal chiller CC-1 on-off switch at the unit control panel CP-1 is placed in the "on" position, but refrigerant process does not start until the building automation system (bas); (BAS on schematic diagram) signals the chiller to operate. Start-stop control may be based on time-of-day scheduling. (Interlock, Power) control signals from chiller control panel CP-1, to chilled-water pump P-1 and P-3 and condenser water pump P-2. Start all three pumps.

Chilled-water flow switch FS-1 senses flow and confirms P-1 is delivering sufficient flow for CC-1 to start. Condenser water flow switch FS-2 senses flow and confirms P-2 is delivering sufficient flow for CC-1 to start. CC-1 centrifugal refrigeration cooling process begins with (chiller, cooling tower, bas) measuring the electrical demand, limiting software to manage peak electrical demand and chilled-water pull-down.

On-off control in the "on" position:

With chilled-water flow, system pressure will begin to increase and differential pressure transmitter DP-1 shall begin to control the secondary chilled-water flow via variable-speed drive VSD-1 (sequence noted below). Chilled-water supply temperature control transmitter (TT-1, TT-2) shall be reset based on the bas computer software that will set supply temperature from a series of remote space zone thermostats (i.e., four room thermostats).

The room thermostat calling for maximum cooling shall reset discharge water temperature from a high of 62 F to a low of 55 F. Chiller CC-1 self-contained centrifugal refrigeration controls within control panel CP-1 shall be (**integrated**, **separated**) with the bas computer to provide current chiller status reports (i.e., outdoor air temperature, chiller diagnostic status, and system run-time, to mention a few).

On-off control in the "on" position:
Condenser water supply temperature control transmitter

TT-2 may be reset from bas condenser water computer software, which will set condenser supply temperature based on condenser pressure. The bas computer (hardware, software) shall manage condenser water temperature setpoint by starting cooling tower fan CT-1, controlling fan speed via variable-speed drive VSD-2, and stopping fan CT-1. Based on the bas system software, condenser water supply temperature may be reset, requiring CT-1 fan to start at low speed. If condenser water supply reset schedule continues to require

additional condenser cooling capacity, fan speed will (increase, decrease) towards maximum airflow via VSD-2. When condenser water temperature drops toward its reset schedule setpoint, CT-1 fan shall reduce speed and stop when condenser water supply temperature drops below the setpoint.

Maximum cooling:

Chiller CC-1 shall be providing maximum cooling capacity and secondary chilled-water supply pump P-3 shall be at maximum flow via VSD-1 pump speed control. Air-handling units' straight-through chilled-water valves shall be open 100%, drawing off all the chilled water for space cooling and/or dehumidification needs. Cooling tower CT-1 fan shall be operating continuously.

Minimum cooling:

Chiller CC-1 shall be providing minimum cooling capacity and secondary chilled-water supply pump P-3 shall be at minimum flow via VSD-1 pump speed control. Air-handling units' straight-through chilled-water valves shall modulate toward the closed position, reducing the need for chilled water for space cooling and/or dehumidification needs. Unused primary chilled water shall be bypassed upstream of P-3 via chilled-water bypass loop, to maintain sufficient chilled-water flow through CC-1. Cooling tower CT-1 fan shall be off.

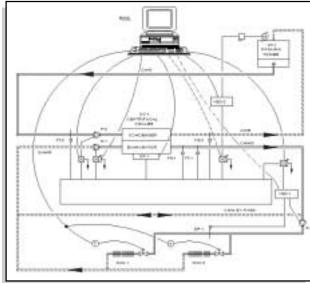
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Choose the correct answer (from the choices in bold) for each of the following hvac situations, referring to the schematic diagram on this page.



- Turn the on-off switch at control panel CP-1 to the "off" position and set the building automation system (bas); (BAS on schematic diagram) chiller start-stop signal to "start." Verify that: a) Pumps P-1, P-2, and P-3 are all (off, on). b) Chiller CC-1 is (off, on).
- Assuming time-of-day chiller scheduling, put the bas into the "occupied" mode and turn the CP-1 on-off switch to "on." Verify that: a) Chiller CC-1 starts after pump(s) (P-1; P-1 and P-2; P-1, P-2, and P-3) starts.
- Record the current bas electrical demand reading for chiller CC-1. Through the bas, lower the electrical demand limit to 10% lower than the current reading. Verify that: a) The bas overrides chiller CC-1 control to (reduce.
- Reset the electrical demand limit to its original value. Set one zone thermostat to a setpoint 10°F
- below the current zone temperature. Verify that: a) The bas resets the CC-1 chilled-water supply temperature setpoint to (62°F, 58°F, 55°F).

increase) cooling capacity.

- Set all four zone thermostats to setpoints 10°F higher than their respective current zone temperatures. Verify that: a) The bas resets the CC-1 chilled-water supply temperature setpoint to (62°F, 58°F, 55°F).
- Reset all four zone thermostats to their original setpoints. Record current bas condenser pressure reading and condenser water temperature setpoint. Override bas condenser pressure input signal to 10% higher than the current pressure. Verify that:
 - a) The bas (raises, lowers) the condenser water temperature setpoint.
 - b) The cooling tower fan speed (increases, decreases) via VFD-2.
- Release the bas condenser pressure input override. Verify that: a) Chilled-water system resumes normal (occupied, unoccupied) operation.

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Differential pressure control: Variable-speed drive VSD-1 shall control the pump speed of P-3 based on a differential pressure-control transmitter signal that senses variations in chilled-water system pressure. Starting off at low speed, VSD-1 shall allow P-3 flow to increase based on a need to increase system pressure. When chilled-water supply pressure exceeds the DP-1 setpoint (in psig), P-3 shall begin to reduce speed via VSD-1.

HELPFUL HINTS:

There can be a wide array of (chiller, computer, building automation system) features, as well as sequence of operations for a centrifugal chiller. For example, a design engineer may consider the following bas options:

- Chilled-water supply temperature control transmitter TT-I reset can also be based on the bas computer software that will set chilled-water supply temperature via outdoor or return water temperature, occupied-unoccupied conditions, and/or economizer setpoint, to mention a few.
- · Condenser water supply temperature control transmitter TT-2 reset can also be based on the bas condenser water computer software that will set condenser supply temperature via compressor efficiency and/or tower performance.
 - Ice-making, heat recovery, and free cooling.
 - Chiller status (i.e., present operating mode, active diagnostics, entering and leaving water temperatures, pressure drops, and chiller tons)
- · Compressor-motor information (i.e., suction and discharge refrigerant temperature, motor winding temperature, motor line voltages, motor current
- draw, and (inlet vane, cylinder, head pressure) position.

 Refrigerant management (i.e., evaporator refrigerant data, condenser refrigerant data, refrigerant leak (measuring, detection), and electronically logging and documenting refrigerant concentrations in the room).
- Computerized (maintenance, system, facility) management software (i.e., planned maintenance workorder).

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